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1. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

AN ATTEMPT TO RAISE PRODUCTION BY GETTING CADRE OUT OF THE OFFICE AND INTO THE FACTORY (HK 12204) IS BEING MIRRORED BY A SIMILAR CAMPAIGN IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. THIS WOULD HAVE THE DOUBLE BENEFIT OF INSPIRING THE MASSES THROUGH CADRE EFFORTS AND LOWERING ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (ITEM 2 AND HK 11898). THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE CAPITALIST BACKSLIDING IN THE COMMUNES AND PEASANTS ARE BEING EXHORTED TO RAISE HOGS COLLECTIVELY IN ORDER TO SAVE FUNDS FOR MECHANIZATION (HK 12074).

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APPEARED TO BE AN EXERCISE IN CYNICISM AND SELF-INTEREST. WHILE BLAMING THE SUPERPOWERS FOR CAUSING FOOD PROBLEMS, CHINA OFFERED NO HOPE OF ITS HELPING THE SITUATION (ITEM 3, HK 12162 AND 12179). CHINESE BEHAVIOR MAY BE EXPLAINED IN PART BY ITS OBSESSION WITH BUILDING UP GRAIN RESERVES TO THE EXTRAORDINARY LEVEL OF 80 MILLION METRIC TONS. CHINA HAS ADMITTED TO RATIONING FOOD GRAIN AND HAS CITED A NUMBER OF HISTORICAL EXAMPLES IN WHICH RESERVES WERE

VITAL. PERHAPS A MORE IMPORTANT EXPLANATION FOR ITS SELFISH BEHAVIOR LIES IN THE WAR PREPAREDNESS ASPECTS OF THE ANTI-SOVIET THEME (ITEMS 4 AND 5). ALTHOUGH CHINA SHOWS NO SIGNS OF ABANDONING ITS UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR THE CARTEL OF OIL PRODUCERS, IT MAY SUPPORT THE FRENCH PLAN FOR TRIPARTITE DISCUSSION ON THE OIL PROBLEM (HK 12310).

SOME REHABILITATED TOP OFFICIALS WHICH HAVE BEEN OUT OF SIGHT FOR A YEAR HAVE SHOWN UP RECENTLY. ADDITIONALLY, THE MINISTRY OF BUILDING MATERIALS, WHICH WE HAD ASSUMED TO BE SUBSUMED IN ANOTHER MINISTRY HAS ALSO COME TO LIGHT AGAIN (ITEMS 6 AND 7). A NEW DOMESTIC FLIGHT SCHEDULE WAS ANNOUNCED ON OCTOBER 31. IT SHOWS FURTHER EXPANSION AND LEAVES ONLY FUCHOW AND LHASA AS PROVINCIAL CAPITALS NOT JOINED BY DIRECT AIR SERVICES TO PEKING (ITEM 8).

LATE OCTOBER AND EARLY NOVEMBER SAW THE CONCLUSION OF A NUMBER OF ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS. TECHNICAL/SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED WITH HUNGARY AND NORTH KOREA AND A BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED WITH NORTH VIETNAM (ITEM 9). THE LONG-PENDING SHIPPING AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN WAS SIGNED ON NOVEMBER 13. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, THE TAX EXEMPTION PROVISIONS WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE AGREEMENT PROPER BUT WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE NOTES (ITEM 10). A TRADE AGREEMENT WITH TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO WAS SIGNED ON NOVEMBER 11 AND AN ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH YEMEN (PDRY) (ITEM 11). A SEEMINGLY SUPERFLUOUS TRADEMARK AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED WITH NORWAY ON NOVEMBER 8 (ITEM 12).

PRC ECONOMIC INTEREST IN EAST AFRICA WAS DEMONSTRATED BY THE VISIT OF FANG YI, MINISTER OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, TO ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA. HIS VISIT WAS FOLLOWED BY THAT OF FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER CHEN CHIEH TO ZAMBIA; CHEN IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO VISIT TANZANIA AND MADAGASCAR. RECENT AFRICAN VISITS TO PEKING AND TO THE CANTON FAIR HAVE INCLUDED ONE BY RWANDA AND ANOTHER BY UGANDA (ITEM 13). THE UK HAS SET SOME KIND OF RECORD BY SENDING THREE TRADE DELEGATIONS TO CHINA IN LESS THAN ONE AND ONE-HALF MONTHS. FINALLY, NIGER HAS SENT A TRADE MISSION LED BY ITS MINISTER FOR ECONOMY, TRADE AND INDUSTRY (ITEM 14).

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2. COUNTY CADRES WORK WITH THE MASSES

MAO'S CALL FOR "FEWER AND BETTER TROOPS AND SIMPLER ADMINISTRATION," FIRST ISSUED IN 1968, HAS APPEARED

AGAIN IN A NOVEMBER 8 "PEOPLE'S DAILY" SHORT COMMENTARY DESCRIBING THE EXPERIENCES OF LINGPAO COUNTY IN HONAN IN PARING ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF FROM UNITS UNDER THE COUNTY'S PARTY AND REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES, AND MASS ORGANIZATIONS. NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, THE METHOD USED IS PARTICIPATION BY OFFICE CADRE IN COLLECTIVE LABOR, ABOUT ONE-THIRD GOING ON A REGULAR AND SYSTEMATIC ROTATIONAL BASIS. THIS LEAVES FEWER WORKERS AND UNITS THAN BEFORE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION AND ONLY SLIGHTLY MORE THAN IN 1968 WHEN THE ORGANIZATION WAS FIRST SIMPLIFIED.

THE COUNTY HAS ALSO EMPHASIZED STREAMLINING ITS "STYLE" OF LEADERSHIP. ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS, PARTY STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS SPEND A MONTH AT COMMUNES, BRIGADES AND PLANTS. SUPPORTED BY THE SECRETARY AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE PARTY COMMITTEE, WHO COVER THE ENTIRE COUNTY, THEY TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN SOLVING PROBLEMS AND "EXPLAINING THE SITUATION." "SIMPLIFIED MEETINGS" ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED AND SUCH THINGS AS "KICKING THE BALL AROUND" HAVE BEEN "GREATLY REDUCED."

OFFICE CADRE ALSO PARTICIPATE IN "WORK TEAMS" BEING USED TO STRENGTHEN PARTY MASS ORGANIZATIONS AMONG THE PEASANTS, THUS HELPING TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE NEXT STAGE OF RURAL ECONOMIC POLICY (HK 11898).

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LINGPAO COUNTY'S EXAMPLE OF REDUCING BUREAUCRACY
AND INCREASING PRODUCTION THROUGH CADRE PARTICIPATION
IN COLLECTIVE LABOR CARRIES THE PRESENT NATIONWIDE LABOR
CAMPAIGN (HK 12204) A STEP FURTHER INTO THE COUNTRYSIDE.
IT FORMS THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN TO COUNTY-LEVEL
EFFORTS TO CUT ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS (HK 10487, ITEM 3),
AND COULD CONTRIBUTE DIRECTLY TO THE COST-CUTTING IF
THESE TEMPORARY ROTATIONAL REDUCTIONS IN STAFF SHOULD
LEAD TO PERMANENT REDUCTIONS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. CHINA AT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

AT ROME, THE PRC ACCUSED THE SUPER POWERS, PARTICULARLY THE US, OF CAUSING THE WORLD'S FOOD PROBLEMS AND
CITED CHINA'S RECENT HISTORY TO ARGUE THAT THE LDC'S
CAN, BY SELF-RELIANCE, BECOME ABLE TO FEED THEMSELVES.
ADOPTING A POLICY OF DO-IT-YOURSELF, CHINA SAID THE
"MAIN RESPONSIBILITY" FOR AIDING THOSE LDC'S WITH ACUTE
FOOD PROBLEMS RESTS ON THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES--EXCLUDING

THE OIL PRODUCERS, TO WHOSE SUPPLIERS CARTEL PEKING HAS GIVEN STRONG VERBAL SUPPORT.

THE CHINESE DID SUPPORT THIRD WORLD DEMANDS FOR THE TRANSFER OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY FROM THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. BUT PEKING DID NOT OFFER FOOD AID ITSELF NOR DID IT ACTIVELY SUPPORT EFFORTS TOWARD AN INTERNATIONAL POOLING OF FOOD AID OR EVEN INFORMATION. FOR A COUNTRY THAT IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST RICE PRODUCER AND WHOSE GRAIN RESERVES EXCEED THOSE OF THE US (SEE ITEM 4), THE PERFORMANCE WAS DISAPPOINTING. BUT IT WAS HARDLY SURPRISING; PEKING'S MAIN AIM AT THE CONFERENCE WAS TO INCREASE THE DIVISION BETWEEN THE SUPER POWERS AND THE THIRD WORLD, OF WHICH IT WISHES TO BE THE LEADER AND SPOKESMAN (HK 12162 AND HK 12179). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. CHINA'S GRAIN RESERVES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE (ITEM 3), VICE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, HAO CHUNG-SHIH ALSO SAID CHINA COULD NOT HELP MUCH WITH THE WORLD'S FOOD PROBLEMS AND PEKING HAS PUBLICIZED THE FACT THAT IT STILL RATIONS FOOD GRAIN TO ITS PEOPLE (ITEM 5). BUT VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN RECENTLY TOLD A JAPANESE AGRICULTURAL DELEGATION THAT THE PRC PLANS A GRAIN RESERVE OF 80 MILLION MT ("NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN," SEPTEMBER 16).

THE 80 MILLION MT SEEMS HIGH--IT IS DOUBLE THE 40 MILLION MENTIONED TO SNOW IN 1970--AND IT SOUNDS TO US MORE LIKE A GOAL FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEAR PLAN (1976-1980). EVEN STATE RESERVES OF THE 1970 LEVEL--A FIGURE USED SEVERAL TIMES BY MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE SPOKESMEN--WOULD BE TEN PERCENT LARGER THAN THE US 1973/74 ENDING STOCKS OF WHEAT, CORN, RICE AND FEED GRAINS.

IT IS NOT EASY TO RECONCILE A RESERVE POSITION THAT LARGE WITH CHINA'S CLAIM TO BE UNABLE TO HELP MOST SEVERELY AFFECTED COUNTRIES.

PEKING COULD CITE A NUMBER OF INSTANCES SINCE 1949 IN WHICH LARGE AREAS OF CHINA REQUIRED SIZEABLE INFLOWS OF GRAIN. PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT, AND CERTAINLY MORE CURRENT, IS THE ANTI-SOVIET THEME THAT CALLS FOR WAR PREPAREDNESS AND "STORING GRAIN EVERYWHERE." (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. PEKING ADMITS GRAIN RATIONING

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN RECENT YEARS, PEKING HAS

PUBLICILY ADMITTED THAT IT RATIONS FOOD GRAIN TO ITS POPULATION. BY SUPPLYING FOOD GRAIN TO PEOPLE IN CITIES AND INDUSTRIES, THE STATE CLAIMS TO BE "FULLY MEETING THEIR NEEDS ON A GRADUATED SCALE OF QUOTAS," WHICH VARY ACCORDING TO LOCALITY, AGE AND LABOR INTENSITY. HEAVY INDUSTRIAL WORKERS RECEIVE "AROUND 30 KILOGRAMS PER MONTH." (NCNA, NOVEMBER 8).

TO FEED A POPULATION OF SOME 917 MILLION AT THE 30 KG/MONTH LEVEL WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT 165 MILLION MT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GRAIN. AFTER REDUCTION BY 40 PERCENT FOR SEED, SPOILAGE STORAGE, ETC., A HARVEST OF 250-255 MILLION MT WOULD PROVIDE 150-153 MILLION MT FOR FOOD, A SHORTFALL OF 12-15 MILLION MT WHICH COULD BE MADE UP BY IMPORTS (PROBABLY ABOUT 7 MILLION MT IN 1974) AND EATING INTO RESERVES. ON THE OTHER HAND, A HARVEST OF 250-255 MILLION MT COULD PROVIDE AN AVERAGE OF 27-28 KG/MONTH FOR A POPULATION OF 917 MILLION. ADDING IMPORTS WOULD RAISE THE FIGURES TO 28.5-29 KG/MONTH. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. REHABILITEES APPEAR AGAIN

LI JEN-CHUN HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A VICE MINISTER (VM) OF THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION (SPC), A JOB FORESHADOWED BY HIS NATIONAL DAY LISTING (NCNA, NOVEMBER 19). ANOTHER REHABILITEE RETURNING TO HIS SPECIALTY, LI IS A LONG-TIME ASSOCIATE OF SPC MINISTER YU CHIU-LI FROM THEIR DAYS TOGETHER IN THE OLD PETROLEUM MINISTRY SO IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT LI HAS FOLLOWED YU TO THE SPC (HK A-280). LI'S RECENT APPEARANCES HAVE ALL BEEN CONNECTED WITH CIVIL AVIATION DELEGATIONS WHICH LEADS TO THE THOUGHT THAT HIS PLANNING WORK MAY INCLUDE THAT FIELD.

TUAN YUN, A SELDOM-SEEN SPC VM, ALSO APPEARED ON NOVEMBER 10 TO WELCOME THE PDR YEMEN DELEGATION (NCNA).

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME HE HAS APPEARED PUBLICLY WITH HIS TITLE SINCE OCTOBER 1973 WHEN HE WAS JUST IDENTIFIED IN THE JOB. TAO CHI, A SELDOM-SEEN VM OF COMMUNICATIONS, WAS THERE TOO. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN ALMOST A YEAR THAT HE HAS APPEARED WITH HIS TITLE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

7. MINISTRY OF BUILDING MATERIALS APPEARS AGAIN

AMONG THOSE MEETING WITH THE JAPANESE KILN INDUSTRY DELEGATION DURING EARLY NOVEMBER WAS PAI HSIANG-YIN WHO WAS IDENTIFIED AS VM OF BUILDING MATERIALS BY NCNA

ENGLISH (NOVEMBER 14). THIS IS PAI'S FIRST APPEARANCE
SINCE NOVEMBER 1973 WITH THIS TITLE.

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ON THE BASIS OF EARLIER APPEARANCES OF PAI AND
OTHERS, WE HAD CONCLUDED THAT THE MINISTRIES OF BUILDING
AND BUILDING MATERIALS HAD MERGED IN DECEMBER 1972.
APPARENTLY, WE WERE PREMATURE FOR PAI APPEARED WITH HIS
TITLE IN NOVEMBER 1973 AND HAS NOW DONE SO AGAIN, ANOTHER
YEAR LATER. (UNCLASSIFIED)

8. NEW DOMESTIC FLIGHT SCHEDULE

THE PRC HAS ANNOUNCED A NEW DOMESTIC FLIGHT SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1. THE "PEOPLE'S DAILY," OCTOBER 31,
PRINTED THE NEW FLIGHT SCHEDULE LISTING THE ROUTES AND
THE DAYS OF THE WEEK ON WHICH THE FLIGHTS ARE SCHEDULED.
(WE DO NOT YET HAVE A COPY OF THE TIMETABLE ITSELF.)

COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS SCHEDULE (ISSUED MAY 1),
SERVICE HAS SHOWN A NET EXPANSION--FROM 85 TO 91 ROUTES,
BOTH INTERPROVINCIAL AND LOCAL, AND FROM 230 TO 245 FLIGHTS
PER WEEK. MOST OF THE EXPANSION HAS COME IN LOCAL SERVICE
WHERE FLIGHTS HAVE INCREASED BY 16 PER WEEK, WHILE INTER-
PROVINCIAL FLIGHTS DROPPED BY ONE PER WEEK. NEW CITIES
BEING SERVED ARE SWATOW IN KWANGTUNG, HAILAR AND ILAN IN
HEILUNGKIANG, AND HANCHUNG IN SHENSI. OF THESE, ALL EXCEPT
SWATOW REPRESENT REINSTATEMENT OF AIR SERVICES THAT HAD
BEEN DISCONTINUED PREVIOUSLY. FUCHOW (FUKIEN) AND LHASA
(TIBET) REMAIN THE ONLY PROVINCIAL CAPITALS NOT JOINED BY
DIRECT AIR SERVICE TO PEKING--THE HUB FOR ALMOST HALF OF
THE INTERPROVINCIAL ROUTES.

IN AT LEAST ONE INSTANCE, IT HAS BECOME EVIDENT THAT THE
"PEOPLE'S DAILY" SCHEDULE IS NOT COMPLETE. A PROVINCIAL
BROADCAST FROM TSINGHAI (NOVEMBER 4) HAS REVEALED THE
EXISTENCE OF AN AIR ROUTE BETWEEN SINING AND KOERHMU THAT
WAS NOT LISTED IN "PEOPLE'S DAILY." IT RAISES THE POSSI-
BILITY THAT OTHER UNPUBLICIZED AIR SERVICES MAY ALSO EXIST.
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9. AGREEMENTS SIGNED WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES

TWO MORE TECHNICAL/SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION PROTOCOLS WERE SIGNED WITH HUNGARY AND NORTH KOREA, MAKING THE TOTAL NOW FIVE THIS YEAR. SUCH PROTOCOLS HAVE NOT BEEN SIGNED WITH EAST GERMANY, THE SOVIET UNION AND OUTER MONGOLIA SINCE 1967, AND WITH POLAND SINCE 1968. THE SINO-HUNGARIAN GROUP CONCLUDED ITS 13TH MEETING IN PEKING ON OCTOBER 26 WITH THE SIGNING OF THE PROTOCOL BY MA YI, VICE MINISTER OF THE FIRST MACHINE BUILDING MINISTRY AND BY SZILI GEZA, HUNGARIAN VICE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRY. LI CHIANG, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE, ATTENDED THE CEREMONY (NCNA). ALSO IN PEKING, THE 15TH SESSION OF THE SINO-KOREAN COMMITTEE ENDED ON NOVEMBER 6 WITH THE SIGNING OF THE PROTOCOL. THE DOCUMENT WAS SIGNED BY SUN HSIAO-FENG, A VICE MINISTER FOR THE FUELS AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, AND SO JAE HONG, A VICE MINISTER FOR THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY. NCNA ALSO REPORTED THE OCTOBER 2 DEPARTURE FOR PYONGYANG OF A CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES DELEGATION FOR SIGNING OF THE 1975-76 EXECUTIVE PLAN FOR SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO SCIENCE ACADEMIES. THIS FLURRY OF ACTIVITY SUGGESTS A DESIRE TO IMPROVE COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. AS VM SUN IS CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY, THE PROTOCOL, AND PERHAPS THE EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT AS WELL, MAY INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR COOPERATION IN THAT FIELD.

CONTINUING THE RECENT SPATE OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PRC AND THE DPRV, ON NOVEMBER 5 AN AGREEMENT ON BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COOPERATION WAS SIGNED IN PEKING BY TENG KANG, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL BROADCASTING ADMINISTRATION AND TRAN LAM, CHIEF EDITOR OF THE "VOICE OF VIETNAM" RADIO. THE PREVIOUS TWO SUCH AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY PRC WERE WITH THE RELATIVELY "FRIENDLY" GOVERNMENTS OF ROMANIA (MARCH 2, 1972) AND OF NORTH KOREA (OCTOBER 15, 1971).

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10. PRC-JAPAN SIGN SHIPPING AGREEMENT

THE PRC AND JAPAN SIGNED A MARITIME TRANSPORT AGREEMENT NOVEMBER 13 IN TOKYO (NCNA). IT APPEARS TO BE SIMILAR TO OTHERS SIGNED RECENTLY BY THE PRC (HK A-211).

THE AGREEMENT CONSISTS OF A PREAMBLE AND TWELVE ARTICLES AND IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS WITH RENEWAL AUTOMATIC UNLESS EITHER PARTY GIVES SIX MONTHS NOTICE OF ABROGATION.

BOTH COUNTRIES AGREE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO HOLD PERIODIC GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS, TO GUARANTEE REMITTANCES OF REVENUES FROM SHIPPING ENTERPRISES, TO COOPERATE IN RESCUE OPERATIONS IN CASE OF ACCIDENTS AT SEA, AND TO GRANT MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT FOR SHIPS AND CREW CALLING AT EITHER COUNTRY'S PORTS (NEWS AGENCIES).

UNLIKE OTHER AGREEMENTS, HOWEVER, THE MATTER OF MUTUAL EXEMPTION FROM TAXES (SEE HK 7505 FOR BACKGROUND) IS BEING HANDLED SEPARATELY IN NOTES TO BE EXCHANGED BEFORE THE AGREEMENT COMES INTO EFFECT (PEKING 1915). ALTHOUGH NO DATE WAS ANNOUNCED, PREVIOUS SHIPPING AGREEMENTS WITH THE PRC HAVE COME INTO EFFECT AFTER COMPLETION OF LEGAL FORMALITIES BY THE SIGNING COUNTRIES.

A TOKYO KYODO REPORT ON THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT ADDS THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE "VIRTUALLY AGREED" TO ESTABLISH A PRIVATE CONSULTATIVE ORGAN AFTER THE AGREEMENT COMES INTO EFFECT TO DECIDE SHIPPING TARIFFS AND HOW CARGO IS TO BE SHARED BETWEEN THEIR SHIPS. THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE TO BE CONDUCTED "INFORMALLY" IN THE FUTURE (NOVEMBER 13).

THE CONCLUSION OF THE SHIPPING AGREEMENT LEAVES THE FISHERIES AGREEMENT AS THE ONLY ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT STILL TO BE CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE PRC AND JAPAN UNDER THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF SEPTEMBER 1972. BECAUSE OF LOS COMPLI-CATIONS, HOWEVER, IT MAY NOT BE NEGOTIATED UNTIL AFTER A PRC-JAPAN PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY (TOKYO 13851).

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11. TRADE AGREEMENT SIGNED

THE PRC SIGNED THREE AGREEMENTS CONCERNING TRADE WITH L.D.C. COUNTRIES SO FAR DURING NOVEMBER. A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 11 AT THE END OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PRIME MINISTER DR. ERIC WILLIAMS' TRIP CONTAINED SEVERAL ECONOMIC ITEMS. THE PRC WILL SEND A DELEGATION HEADED BY TANG KE, VM OF FUEL AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES ON A FRIENDLY VISIT EARLY NEXT YEAR. THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL ALSO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE FUNCTIONAL OFFICES IN EACH OTHER'S CAPITAL AND EXCHANGE TRADE MISEHONS AND EXHIBITIONS (NCNA). IN HIS BANQUET SPEECH NOVEMBER 5, WILLIAMS RE-VEALED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRC ON SUGAR IMPORTS AND ASKED THE PRC, WHEN CONSIDERING FUTURE FERTILIZER IMPORT SOURCES, TO REMEMBER THAT IN THREE YEARS TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO WOULD HAVE SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES FOR EXPORT (NCNA). AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN HONG KONG, WILLIAMS RETURNED TO HIS OFFER OF

FERTILIZER EXPORTS. HE ALSO BROUGHT UP AN INTEREST IN BUYING "KNOCKED DOWN" BUSES AND TRUCKS FROM THE PRC FOR ASSEMBLY AT ITS OWN PLANTS.

ALTHOUGH THE PRC'S 13 FERTILIZER PLANTS, RATED AT 2.2 MILLION METRIC TON CAPACITY, SHOULD ALSO START GOING ON STREAM IN THREE YEARS TIME, TANG KE'S TRIP MIGHT WELL SET THE STAGE FOR REALISTIC TRADE IN PETROLEUM, PETROCHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS SINCE JAPAN WILL PROBABLY BE FILLING RELATIVELY LESS OF THE PRC'S FERTILIZER IMPORT NEED THEN.

SUGAR WAS ALSO THE SUBJECT OF BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT COMMERCIAL MISSION TO PEKING. INTERNATIONAL PRESS REPORTS SAID AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON NOVEMBER 13 FOR THE SALE OF 54,000 TONS OF SUGAR AT MARKET PRICES, WITH DELIVERIES BEGINNING IN DECEMBER AND SPREAD OVER THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS.

THE VISIT OF ANOTHER HEAD OF STATE, ROBAYA FROM THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN, SAW THE SIGNING OF AN ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT. IT WAS SIGNED ON NOVEMBER 13 BY CHEN MU-HUA, A VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND BY ALI SALEM AL-BEEDH, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PDRY MINISTER OF PLANNING, UNDER THE WATCHFUL GAZE OF TENG HSIAO-PING AND SALEM ROBAYA ALI, CHAIRMAN OF THE PDRY PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL (NCNA). AS USUAL, DETAILS WERE NOT RELEASED. SIMILAR AGREEMENTS WERE ALSO SIGNED IN 1970 AND 1972. THE MAIN AID PROJECTS SO FAR ARE A ROAD AND BRIDGE JUST COMPLETED BY THE PRC ON JULY 1, 1974 (NCNA). THE PDRY HAS ALSO PURCHASED WHEAT AND RICE FROM THE PRC, ACCORDING TO ADEN DOMESTIC SERVICE BROADCASTS.

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12. PRC, NORWAY SIGN TRADEMARK AGREEMENT

THE ROYAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY AND THE PRC FOREIGN MINISTRY
ON NOVEMBER 8 EXCHANGED LETTERS AGREEING TO RECIPROCAL

REGISTRATION OF TRADEMARKS. THE AGREEMENT STIPULATES THAT CORPORATIONS AND ENTERPRISES OF EITHER COUNTRY MAY APPLY FOR TRADEMARK REGISTRATION IN THE OTHER COUNTRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS LAW AND ACQUIRE THE RIGHT TO EXCLUSIVE USE OF REGISTERED TRADEMARKS (NCNA). DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES TOOK PLACE OVER A YEAR AGO (SEE 1973 PEKING 627), BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION WHY IT TOOK SO LONG TO CONCLUDE THE AGREEMENT. THE PRC USES BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AS THE LEGAL BASIS FOR GRANTING FOREIGNERS TRADEMARK RIGHTS IN CHINA, BUT A TREATY IS NOT NECESSARY AND THE FORM OF THE AGREEMENT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE TOO IMPORTANT. AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES (CANADA), AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (NORWAY) AND EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN FOREIGN TRADE MINISTERS (AUSTRALIA ER 21).

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13. PRC CONTINUES ECONOMIC INTEREST IN EAST AFRICA

THE PRC CONTINUED TO DEMONSTRATE ITS ECONOMIC INTEREST IN EAST AFRICA, ESPECIALLY THOSE INTERESTS APPARENTLY RELATED TO ITS AID PROGRAM.

IN ZAMBIA, FANG YI, MINISTER OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, VISITED LUSAKA TO CELEBRATE THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF ZAMBIA'S INDEPENDENCE AND TO OPEN A CHINESE PAVILION ON OCTOBER 23 AT THE LUSAKA AGRICULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL SHOW. (THE ONLY OTHER COUNTRIES INVITED TO ATTEND THE SHOW IN HONOR OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY WERE YUGOSLAVIA, BRITAIN, WEST GERMANY AND ITALY.) THIS SHOW FOLLOWS PRC PARTICIPATION IN THE NDOLA TRADE FAIR IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. WHILE IN ZAMBIA, FANG TALKED WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA, AND VISITED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE ZAMBIAN SECTION OF THE TAN-ZAM RAILROAD. TANZANIA, THE OTHER MAJOR RECIPIENT OF PRC TAN-ZAM RAILROAD AID, WELCOMED FANG ON HIS RETURN TRIP HOME, WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE RECEIVING HIM ON NOVEMBER 11.

THE DAY FANG YI LEFT, NOVEMBER 2, WAS ALSO THE DAY FOREIGN TRADE VICE MINISTER CHEN CHIEH ARRIVED AT THE HEAD OF A TRADE DELEGATION. CHEN'S VISIT MAY BE RELATED TO PROBLEMS WITH THE PRC AID AGREEMENT WITH ZAMBIA, WHICH REQUIRES THAT ZAMBIA IMPORT PRC CONSUMER GOODS FOR RESALE, GENERATING COUNTERPART FUNDS TO COVER LOCAL CURRENCY COSTS.

CHEN IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT TANZANIA ALSO, AS WELL AS MADAGASCAR BEFORE HIS RETURN HOME. THE CHEN VISIT TO MADAGASCAR FOLLOWS A JANUARY 1974 VISIT TO PEKING BY THE

MALAGASY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHO SIGNED AN ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND A COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT. THE AID AGREEMENT ALSO CALLS FOR IMPORT OF PRC GOODS TO EARN COUNTERPART FUNDS.

GOING IN THE OTHER DIRECTION, EAST AFRICAN VISITS TO PEKING AND TO THE CANTON TRADE FAIR WERE MADE IN OCTOBER BY A RWANDAN TRADE DELEGATION, LED BY ITS AMBASSADOR TO THE PRC. UNDERSCORING ITS AID INTERESTS IN RWANDA, NCNA REPORTED A NOVEMBER 7 VISIT OF THE RWANDAN PRESIDENT TO TWO CHINESE PROJECTS, A SUGAR REFINERY AND A RICE MILL. ANOTHER TRADE DELEGATION FOLLOWING THE SAME ROUTE WAS THAT FROM UGANDA, LED BY E. L. ATHIYO, MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. ONE PURPOSE OF ATHIYO'S TRIP, CONSIDERING HIS RESPONSIBILITIES, MIGHT ALSO HAVE BEEN TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF A PRC ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL SURVEY TEAM, WHICH IN JUNE 1974 STUDIED POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF A 40,000 SEAT NATIONAL STADIUM, A COTTON KNITTING MILL AND TWO ICE PLANTS, ACCORDING TO RADIO KAMPALA. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

14. TRADE DELEGATIONS TO PRC

THE U.K. HAS SENT THREE DELEGATIONS TO THE PRC IN LESS THAN 1-1/2 MONTHS. PERHAPS IT IS JUST COINCIDENCE THAT THIS FLURRY OF BRITISH TRADE MISSION ACTIVITY, WITH TWO OF THEM FOCUSING ON MACHINERY GOODS EXPORT, FOLLOWS AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OCTMBER 2 ARTICLE IN THE LONDON TIMES ALLEGING THAT THE U.K. IS LOSING GROUND TO COMPETITORS IN THE CHINESE MARKET. LEADING OFF IN EARLY OCTOBER WAS A DELEGATION FROM THE "48 GROUP" OF BRITISH FIRMS TRADING WITH CHINA. THE "48 GROUP" DELEGATION WAS THE GUEST OF CCPIT CHAIRMAN WANG YAO-TING AND OF CHINA'S MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ECLECTONICS AND COAL SOCIETIES AT AN OCTOBER 5 BANQUET (CHINA TRADE AND ECONOMIC NEWSLETTER). THE BRITISH ELECTIRCAL AND ALLIED MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION PUT TOGETHER A DELEGATION HEADED BY MR. EDWARF POWELL, CHAIRMAN OF THE CHLORIDE GROUP, FOR A 16-DAY EXPLORATORY VISIT FROM OCTOBER 10 TO REGIONAL CENTERS OUTSIDE PEKING, INCLUDING SHANGHAI AND SHENYANG. DELEGATION MEMBER INTERESTS INCLUDED POWER GENERATING EQUIPMENT, TRANSFORMERS AND ELECTRIC MOTORS. (AFP) FINALLY, THE SCOTTISH COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRY SENT A DELEGATION HEADED BY LORD CLYDESMUIR, WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY WANG YAO-TING ON NOVEMBER 11.

FOLLOWING ITS JULY 20, 1974, RECOGNITION OF THE PRC, AND THE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED THEN, NIGER SENT A TRADE MISSION TO THE PRC LED BY BOULAMA MANGA, MINISTER FOR ECONOMY, TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

AFTER A VISIT TO PEKING, THE GROUP ATTENDED THE CANTON
FAIR, EXITING THE PRC ON NOVEMBER 14. (NCNA)

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